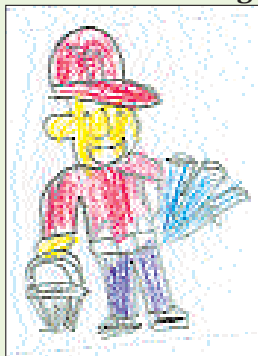


## Myself

I am Himasha. I am seven years old. I live in Kotikawatte. I go to St. Benedict's College. I am in Grade Three. I have one sister and no brothers. I want to be a pilot.

**Himasha  
Nanayakkara  
(7 years)  
St. Benedict's College**



## Independence Day

The people of Sri Lanka celebrated sixty years of Independence on February 4, 2008. Sri Lanka gained independence on February 4, 1948. We watched the Independence Day celebrations as Galle Face grounds, over the television.

I pray for peace and harmony in our country.

**Noor Fasmin (5 years)  
Ilma International  
Girls' School**



## How I plan to spend my birthday

My birthday is going to be on September 9, which falls on a Tuesday. As I have been to so many birthday parties, I planned to have a special party for my birthday, with lots of goodies such as face painting, musical chairs and lots of other fun games and a big birthday cake with eleven candles, and drinks too.

It's going to be a fancy dress party. I am going to

invite all my friends and relatives too.

They are to be dressed as Disney princesses (except the elders). I'm going to decorate the house with balloons. I'm going to give them a party hat and a gift. (It's a secret).

I hope it will be a successful party!

**Hirumi Ratnayake  
(10 years)  
Musaeus College**



## Adisham Bungalow

I like to explore Sri Lanka because I can learn a lot of interesting things. One such place is the Adisham Bungalow.

Adisham Bungalow was built by a Scottish gentleman, named Sir Thomas Lester Villiers. It was built in 1931 A.D. Sir Thomas Lester was a tea planter in Sri Lanka. He was born in a village called 'Adisham,' in Scotland. So, he named the house Adisham Bungalow. It was built on a beautiful plot of land near 'Thangamalai,' forest in Haputale. Today, it is run by the St. Benedict's Monastery.

As we were entering the sitting room we saw a

hand-painted, 3D portrait of Sir Thomas Lester Villiers on the wall. We also saw old furniture, book shelves with old books, pottery items and glassware used by Sir Thomas.

Today Benedictine fathers manufacture jams, marmalades, chutneys, cordials and meat products here.

We appreciated the Adisham Bungalow, bought some fresh products and happily came home.

**Bhagya  
Pandithakoralege  
(9 years)  
St. Bridget's Convent**

## Friendship

Friends are gifts from God. A friend is someone who stands with you in trouble or in joy. A sincere friend will never fail you. We can have true friends if we are willing to give our life for them.

Selfishness can never make or keep friends. The friendships we make must be cultivated with gentleness and love, with acts of service and grace. We must show ourselves as unselfish, thoughtful, gentle, helpful and patient.

I am really lucky because I have very good

friends in my class. They are Lambodaran, Aqeel and Waqid. They are really great friends of mine. We share everything together. Our friendship is unbreakable. They know about me, more than I know. And I know about them, more than they know.

Friendship knows no limits. He who has a sincere friend finds he lacks nothing!

**R. Theeshanth  
(13 years)  
Royal Institute**

## Note

Please remember that articles, poems and paintings sent, will not be published unless they are certified as your own work by a parent or teacher. Articles should not exceed 200 words.

## A trip to Malaysia

Last year, my family and I went to Kuala Lumpur. It is the capital city of Malaysia. At the airport, we gave our tickets and passports. After everyone was on the aeroplane, it took off.

Kuala Lumpur is a clean and beautiful city. I visited many places

there. I also visited the Petrona Towers. It was hot in Kuala Lumpur. I had an enjoyable holiday.

**Shameem Afham  
(Grade 2)  
Daybridge  
International School,  
Dehiwala**

## Winners – February – Independence celebrations

4 – 6 years  
1st place



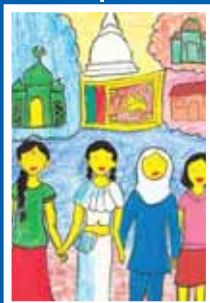
Savindu Herat  
Royal International  
School, Kurunegala  
7 – 10 years

1st place



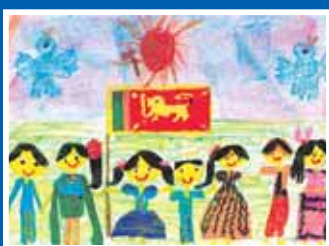
Shehani Silva  
Holy Family Convent,  
Wennappuwa  
11 – 14 years

1st place



Sepalli Tennakoon  
Vihara Maha Devi B. V., Kandy

2nd place



Minnel Fernando  
Holy Family Convent,  
Bambalapitiya

2nd place



Amanga Kuruppu  
Southlands College, Galle

2nd place



Sachini Uthpala  
Lindsay Balika Vidyalaya

3rd place



Amavi Kuruppu  
Southlands College, Galle

3rd place



Yoshani Ranaweera  
Ward International School

3rd place



F. Irfana Hameed  
Badl-Ud-Din/ Mahmud Girls'  
College, Kandy

### Reeves Art Competition – Age Groups

The age groups for this competition are as follows:

4 – 6 years, 7 – 10 years and 11 – 14 years.

Winners please contact us on 2331276/2479337  
and arrange to collect your prizes.

## A Poem for the Week

Create your own little poem and send it in to us. This competition is open to age groups from 4 – 14 years. The poems will be judged according to the age of the competitor.

**Please remember that the poems you send should be your own original composition and not copied from anyone or anywhere.** Entries should be in your own handwriting and clearly certified as your own creation by a teacher or parent.

**Word limit: 100 words**  
**Please write 'A POEM FOR THE WEEK' at the top of your entry. The winner will receive a book voucher for Rs. 500.**

## War

War is nothing but a hideous calamity

War in reality is very little glory

The only things they do are slaughtering and killing  
Filling their hearts with hatred

So is war needed?

Sweeps the strong and leaves the old

Unfit to carry on the race alone

War is such an Evil

Leaving people homeless and avoided

So why is war needed?

As shadows are drawn to hatred

Darkness fills their eyes

All they do is mourn and cry

So let there be harmony and peace

No matter what race, colour or religion

So is war really needed?

**Lishan Hatharasinghe**  
(13 years)

**Lyceum International**  
**School, Nugegoda**